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**RE: National Antimicrobial Resistance Monitoring System (NARMS) Annual Scientific Meeting, March 4-5, 2004**

Dear Colleague,

In collaboration with the United States Food and Drug Administration and the United States Department of Agriculture, we are pleased to invite you to the 2004 NARMS Scientific Meeting. This meeting will highlight results of antimicrobial resistance surveillance data gathered in the United States and abroad. The primary goal of this meeting is to promote discussion and present results on antimicrobial-resistant enteric bacteria. The expected outcome of this meeting is a better understanding of the emergence and dissemination of antimicrobial-resistant bacteria in humans, animals, and food and the potential human health consequences of antimicrobial-resistant enteric pathogens.

The NARMS Scientific Meeting will be hosted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Infectious Diseases, Division of Bacterial and Mycotic Diseases, Foodborne and Diarrheal Diseases Branch, NARMS Unit on March 4-5, 2004. The meeting will take place at the Holiday Inn Select, Decatur, Georgia and will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 4 and adjourn at 5:00 p.m. Friday, March 5. Additional information concerning hotel accommodations, restaurants, and transportation may be found on our website <http://www.cdc.gov/narms>.

If you plan to attend the 2004 NARMS Scientific Meeting, please contact Jennifer Stevenson via e-mail at [jstevenson@cdc.gov](mailto:jstevenson@cdc.gov) by **January 20, 2004**. At that time, please provide Jennifer with the following information:

Your name  
Your title/degree(s)  
Your affiliation

If you plan to attend the NARMS meeting you may also be interested in attending the International Conference on Emerging Infectious Diseases (ICEID), which is scheduled February 29-March 3, 2004. Additional information can be found on the ICEID website at <http://www.cdc.gov/iceid/>.

We look forward to seeing you and would like to take this opportunity to thank you in advance for your support and collaboration.

Sincerely,

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